### Welcome!

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee March 18, 2020



# Office of Financial Empowerment & Protection

- In 2013 Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships (DOSP) received a 3-year grant to create Financial Empowerment Centers
- OFEP established in 2016 with a focus to strategically align itself with Mayor Michael B. Hancock's priorities to address financial insecurity
- Works to improving residents' economic mobility, stabilizing families, individuals and small businesses
- Develops solutions through programs, policies and practices



# Economic Ecosystem: Five Pillars of Financial Stability





### Key Programs and Initiatives

- Financial Empowerment Centers (FEC)
- Bank On Denver (BOD)
- Consumer Financial Protection (CFP)
- Financial Empowerment Innovation Hub
- Regional Economic Mobility Network



### Financial Empowerment Centers



#### Financial Coaches work with clients to:

- Reduce debt
- Increase savings
- Establish credit
- Increase credit scores
- Help establish means to attain a livable wage
- Become banked
- Stay banked
- Free tax services
- Navigate residents to resources and programs
- Amplify outcomes of integration partners



### Why our Work is Sustainable

We work to create long-term behavior change for our clients to build financial stability to empower their economic mobility and resiliency.



# Investment in Evaluation = Measurable Outcomes

Total Clients Served:

8,192

with more than

20,000

coaching sessions

Total Savings: More than \$2.5 million

Total Debt Reduction: More than \$6.2 million Credit Score Increases:

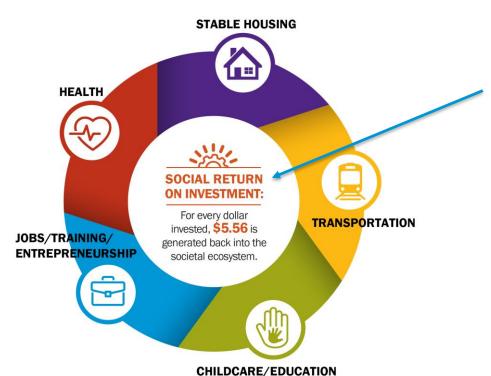
Average Increases of

49 points
per person

TAX IMPACT\*:
Number Served:
More than 20,000
Total Refunds, Tax Prep Savings:
More than \$35 million



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**\$5.56** is generated back into the societal ecosystem.

Increases to an **\$11.00** ROI when a client is in *foreclosure or eviction*.



# mpowered Contract Amendment Request

- Amend the contract with mpowered by adding \$659,999.84 for a new total of \$1,787,027.75 and one year for a new end date of 12/31/2020
- 7 Financial Coaches, 1 Lead Worker, .6 Program
   Manager, .4 Data Analyst, and .7 Office Coordinator

#### mpowered Outcomes

- Conduct 3,582 individual coaching sessions
- Conduct 68 group coaching classes
- Increased savings \$300,000
- Reduce Debt \$800,000
- Average credit score increase of 35 points

### **Questions and Answers**



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